

STORY 11: DISCIPLE

While Jesus was on earth, he taught a lot of people about God and His Kingdom. Crowds followed him wherever he went.

But one day, as he had just started his ministry, Jesus was near Lake Galilee and he saw two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew. They were fishermen, and they were casting their net into the lake.

Jesus said to them, "Come with me! I will teach you how to bring in people instead of fish."

Immediately, the two brothers dropped their nets and went with him.

Jesus walked on until he saw James and John, the sons of a guy named Zebedee. They were in a boat with their father, preparing their nets. Jesus asked them to come with him too. And immediately, they left the boat and their father and went with Jesus.

On another occasion, Jesus was walking through a village and saw a tax collector named Levi sitting in his tax booth.

Jesus simply looked at him and said, "Follow me." Levi got up, left everything and followed Jesus.

Eventually, Jesus rounded up twelve very common, uneducated guys to be his closest followers. He spent almost all of his time teaching and training them, and then after he was gone, these same guys continued, teaching and training others.

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- **review:** re-tell the story

- **dialogue:** discuss the story
 - What do you like or not like about this story?

 - What does this story teach about Jesus' method of ministry?

 - What can we learn about God from this story?

- **application:** live the story
 - Why don't we always take what we have learned and teach it to others?

 - If every Christian were to multiply themselves by investing in others, what would it look like in our lives?

 - What is one action you can take to apply this story to your life?

- **notes:**